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1. **JURISDICTION AND SERVICE:**

The basis for the Court's subject matter jurisdiction over Ross' claims is 28 U.S.C. section 1338(a), 1367(a), and 2201(a). No issues exist regarding personal jurisdiction or venue. Defendant TOMLAB OPTIMIZATION AB remains to be served, and Rao proposes that the Court set September 11, 2008 as the deadline to serve this defendant.

2. **FACTS:**

Ross alleges that Rao's GPOCS software program, which was distributed by Tomlab, infringes Ross' copyrighted DIDO software program. Ross claims that GPOCS both literally and non-literally infringes his copyright. Specifically, Ross alleges that GPOCS infringes "protected expression" of Ross' copyrighted DIDO software program.

The principal factual issues in dispute are set forth in Ross' ad Tomlab's separate Case Management Statement. Rao adopts the discussion in the "Facts" section of Ross' separate Case Management Statement, and incorporates that discussion by this reference.

3. **LEGAL ISSUES:**

The principal legal issues which the parties dispute are set forth in Ross' and Tomlab's separate Case Management Statement. Rao adopts the discussion in the "Legal Issues" section of Ross' separate Case Management Statement, and incorporates that discussion by this reference.

4. **MOTIONS:**

There are no pending motions. Rao anticipates filing a summary judgment motion after conducting discovery.

5. **AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS:**

Rao does not currently intend to add or dismiss any parties, claims or defenses.

6. **EVIDENCE PRESERVATION:**

The parties have advised their respective clients and others to refrain from any document destruction and cease and documents-destruction program and any ongoing erasures of e-mails, voice mails and other electronically-recorded material.

7. INITIAL DISCLOSURES:

Ross and Tomlab stated that they have exchanged Initial Disclosures. Rao agreed to serve his Initial Disclosures by August 20, 2008, and Ross and Tomlab agreed to serve their Initial Disclosures on Rao by August 20, 2008.

8. <u>DISCOVERY</u>:

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Rao has not propounded or received any discovery as of the date of this statement. Rao files herewith his FRCP 26(f) Discovery Plan, and respectfully requests that discovery can begin immediately now that Rao has appeared and the parties have met and conferred regarding FRCP 26(f).

9. <u>CLASS ACTIONS</u>:

This action is not a class action.

10. <u>RELATED CASES</u>:

There are no related cases or proceedings pending before another judge of this Court, or before another court or administrative body.

11. RELIEF:

Ross seeks disgorgement of profits resulting from Tomlab's sale of the GPOCS software program, statutory damages, attorneys' fees and costs. Ross also seeks injunctive relief. Rao adopts the discussion in the "Relief" section of Ross' separate Case Management Statement, and incorporates that discussion by this reference.

12. SETTLEMENT AND ADR:

Rao has not discussed settlement with any of the other parties. During an August 6, 2008 ADR Conference with the Court's ADR Coordinator, the parties agreed on Early Neutral Evaluation with Mediation as their ADR process.

13. CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES:

Rao does not consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings including trial and entry of judgment.

14. <u>OTHER REFERENCES</u>;

Rao does not believe that this case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration,

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